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SIR:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO  
FEBRUARY 18, 1999 FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND SUPPLEMENTAL  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AS A FIRST SUBMISSION**

This Amendment is submitted in response to a February 18, 1999 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office and as a first submission pursuant to a Communication Requesting Withdrawal of Finality under 37 C.F.R. 1.129(a) of the February 18, 1999 Final Office Action. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims

Please cancel claims 90-~~99~~ without prejudice to applicants right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a later-filed application and add new claims 100-126 as follows:

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(New) A nucleic acid probe which (a) is at least 15 nucleotides in length and (b) hybridizes specifically to a nucleic acid having a sequence set forth in SEQ ID No. 1.--

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